IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA FLORENCE DIVISION

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ORDER

On September 21, 2014, Plaintiff Eberechukwu Anosike brought a motion for attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (Doc. #32). The motion seeks reimbursement for counsel's representation in the above-captioned matter in the amount of \$5,245.20 for fees and \$18.33 for costs. On October 7, 2014, the parties filed a Joint Stipulation for Attorney Fees, whereby the Commissioner and Plaintiff agreed that the Commissioner shall award Plaintiff \$3,500.00 in attorney's fees and \$18.33 in expenses under the EAJA. (Doc. #33).

Having reviewed the file and being fully advised, the Court hereby **ORDERS** that the Joint Stipulation for Attorney Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act is **APPROVED**, and the Commissioner is ordered to award Plaintiff \$3,500.00 in attorney's fees and \$18.33 in expenses. (Doc. #33). Although the EAJA fee award should be paid to Plaintiff rather than to his attorney pursuant to <u>Astrue v. Ratliff</u>, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2528-29 (2010), the check itself should be mailed directly to Plaintiff's attorney.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Terry L. Wooten
Terry L. Wooten
Chief United States District Judge

October 9, 2014 Columbia, South Carolina